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1. The Signal Corps school for officers [redacted] occupied two large 2-story buildings, located on the southern outskirts of Silistra. Nearby is a 1-story building occupied by a school for cavalry officers. Headquarters for both schools were located in a small 1-story building located between the signal and cavalry schools. 25X1
2. Students admitted to the signal school must have as a minimum a secondary school education. The curriculum covers three years, and graduates of the school receive the rank of lieutenant. In 1952 the school had approximately 700 students and 80-100 instructors. The annual number of graduates is approximately 120 officers. Graduation day is 9 September, the national holiday.
3. The Headquarters staff of the school consisted of the following:
 - a. An unidentified colonel, head of the school and commanding officer of the unit;
 - b. An unidentified major, political officer (Nachalnik Za Policheska Chast);
 - c. An unidentified captain, chief of staff of the school;
 - d. An unidentified captain, quartermaster;
 - e. An unidentified major, technical officer;
 - f. An unidentified major, physician;
 - g. An unidentified captain, secretary of the Party cell; and
 - h. An unidentified starshi leytenant, as head of the "Secret Section" (Sekretnata Sektsiya).

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4. The offices of the Party cell and the Secret Section are located in one of the school's buildings. The school's two libraries (one for secret literature) are located in the same building.
5. All secret letters of the signal school are prepared by the "Secret Section" and are enclosed in ordinary envelopes just as non-secret correspondence. (For samples of both see Appendix on page 3.) For secret letters, however, the envelope is stitched through five times in the lower flap, and the five spots where the thread appears are each stamped with red sealing wax. All such letters are sent by special couriers. An example of subject matter for a secret letter would be particulars on a student who is just completing the school's course. Both secret and ordinary letters are typed on ordinary paper; printed forms are not used.
6. [redacted] personalities at the signal school:
 - a. Argir Argirov, secretary of the Party cell; [redacted]
 - b. Stoyan Bozoslovov, head of the "Secret Section; [redacted]
 - c. Georgiev (fnu), staff officer [redacted]
 - d. Ivan Ivanov, political director [redacted]
 - e. Marinka Petrova (maiden name), clerk [redacted]
 - f. Spirov (fnu), Quartermaster [redacted]
 - g. Georgi Tanev, head of the school [redacted]

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